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Remarks

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the remarks in the Advisory Action dated July 20th, 2006. The Examiner has not entered the amendment filed June 22, 2006 because the Kroll reference suggests use of polyactic acid which reads upon the polyhydroxy carboxylic acid of the claims. The amendment therefore fails to contain allowable subject matter. Moreover, the Examiner has mentioned that claim 30 is improperly dependent upon cancelled claim 28.

In response to this Advisory Action, the Applicant has changed the previously submitted amendment to omit the alternative recitations including both a polyhydroxy carboxylic acid as well as a hydroxy carboxylic acid salt. Amended claim 17 explicitly recites a composition which contains a hydroxy carboxylic acid salt having a melting range between 50 °C and 180 °C. This limitation corresponds to former claim 28 which was indicated by the Examiner be allowable in a previous Office Action dated August 23rd, 2005. Claim 17 therefore contains allowable subject material and does not require further search. Entrance of amendment and passage to issuance is therefore requested.

The Applicant has also amended claim 30 to correct the dependency on cancelled claim 28.

The Examiner is also referred to the comments made in the previous response after Final, filed June 22, 2006, which are hereby incorporated by reference.

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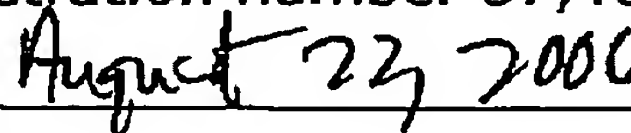
No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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